

**REMARKS****I. Status of the Claims:**

Claims 1-27 are currently pending. Claims 1-12, 14-19 and 21-26 are allowed.

By this Amendment, claims 4, 13, 20 and 27 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-27 would be pending.

**II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e):**

Claims 13, 20 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kuno (U.S. Patent No. 6,067,624)

Claims 13, 20 and 27, as amended, are directed to an arrangement in which a camera server is arranged so that when a video camera control command is received from a client, the client is registered and a video camera is controlled in accordance with the received video camera control command, if the client is not registered and there is no other client registered (see e.g., page 20, line 12 to page 21, line 12). That is, under predetermined conditions, both registration of a client and control of a video camera are performed in response to receiving of a video camera control command.

The above-described feature is not taught or suggested by the cited reference of Kuno. In Fig. 5 of Kuno, when a camera control request which includes a client ID 115 and control parameter 116-118 (Fig. 4B) is received (n=2 in step S2), registering the client in camera control queue is not performed even if the client is not registered and there is no other client registered. It is only when a camera-control-privilege obtain request which includes no control parameter is received (n=1) that a client who is not registered is registered in the camera control queue. The reference of Kuno therefore fails to disclose or suggest that when the camera control

command is received from the client who is not registered and there is no other client registered at that time, a camera server both registers that client and controls the camera in accordance with the received camera control command.

In view of the foregoing, claims 13, 20 and 27 are believed to be distinguishable over the cited reference of Kuno.

**CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

**AUTHORIZATION**

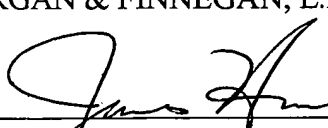
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4459.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4459.

Respectfully submitted,  
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